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Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Applications and U.S. Patent:

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The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U. S. application/patent may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

Copies of the cited U.S. patent applications (specification, claims, and the drawings) are available on the USPTO's Image File Wrapper; therefore copies thereof are not attached.

The materials in the envelope are considered trade secrets and are being submitted for consideration under MPEP § 724.

The above-listed co-pending applications are not to be construed as prior art. By bringing the above-listed applications to the attention of the Examiner, Applicants do NOT waive any confidentiality concerning the above-listed co-pending applications or this application. See MPEP § 101. Furthermore, if said applications should not mature into patents, such applications should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.14.

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